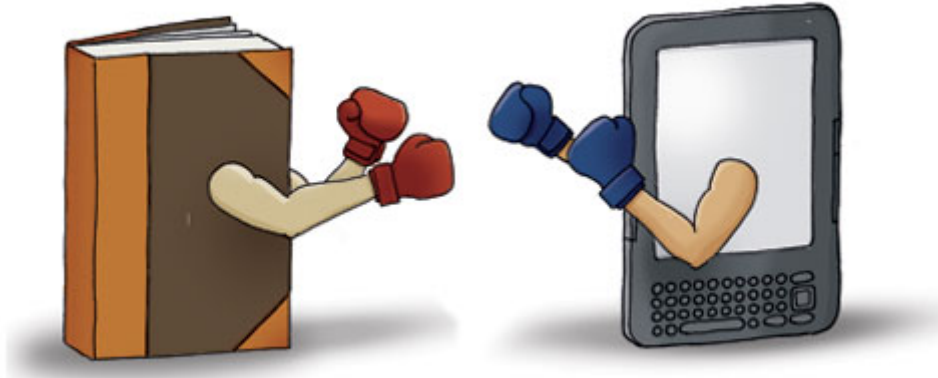


“Are books becoming extinct in the teenage world?”

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Almost 45% of young people admit to reading by choice only once or twice a year.

This statistic is singular and conveys how the world is completely immersed in technology. Phones, game consoles and television are examples of the many distractions that young people are influenced by. Instead of picking up a book, they pick up their phones to check how many likes their Instagram got or what the Kardashians are doing. I myself am a victim. I used to read a lot of books when I was younger but when I got my phone I stopped. Technology is taking over young peoples' lives which affects their diction in everyday conversations.

Research has shown that teenagers spend 9 hours a day on social media. It's shocking to think that a young person could have read an enjoyable and beneficial book within that time. "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one"

Reading nowadays is seen as a "learning tool" instead of "joyful entertainment". Young people might see this as off putting to reading books which involve school or "learning". Also teenagers think that reading pointless information on the internet is like reading a book, which is completely untrue.

Most young people nowadays want to see dynamic, flamboyant images instead of reading a descriptive piece from a book which describes the event rather than show it. Many books have no pictures, which might put off the younger reader because it's not very exciting.

Therefore young people should take up a challenge and read more books!

"Reading is a magical thing that lets you travel to far-away places without leaving your home."